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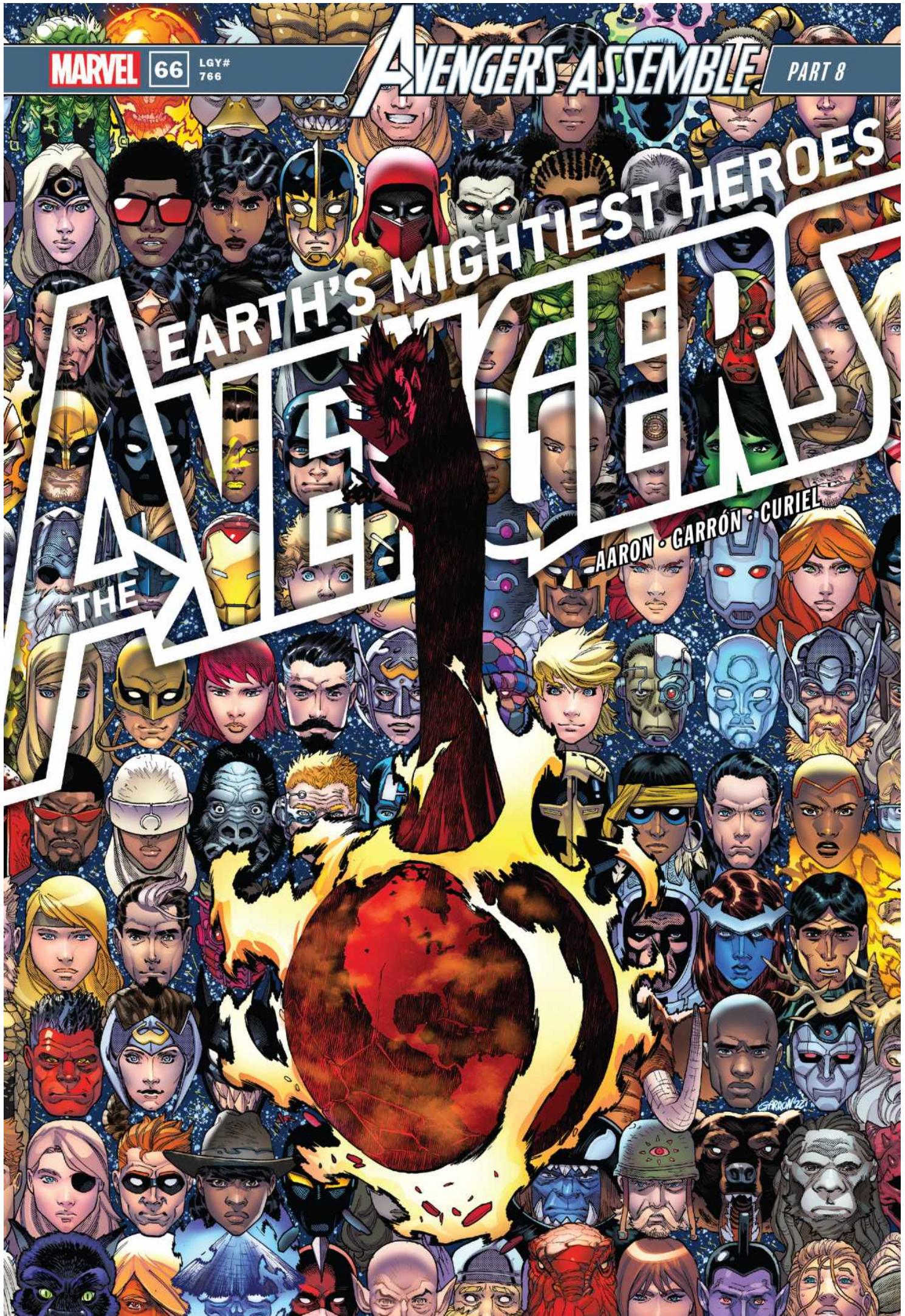
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE

PART 8

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat--on that day, the Avengers were born. To fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

The Multiversal Masters of Evil, a group of the deadliest villains of their respective worlds, have been conquering countless universes, aided by the demon Mephisto. Avenger Prime, a repentant Loki from an alternate world, assembled an army of Avengers from across the Multiverse at the God Quarry to oppose the villains.

The war has been raging on multiple fronts. The modern and prehistoric Avengers battled the Multiversal Masters while Mephisto and a legion of his variants fought the assembled Avengers at the God Quarry. Doom Supreme of the Masters also launched an army of his own variants in a bid to usurp power.

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AVENGERS ASSEMBLE, PART EIGHT "THE FINAL ASSEMBLAGE"

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MULTIVERSAL AVENGERS



FRIGG



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ANT-MAN



THOR, GOD OF FISTS



STAR PANTHER



AVENGER PRIME

MULTIVERSAL MASTERS OF EVIL



DOOM SUPREME



YOUNG THANOS



BLACK SKULL



MEPHISTO

EARTH - 616.
THE GENESIS POINT.

HATE TO
BREAK IT TO YOU,
MEPHISTO, BUT YOUR
MASTERS OF EVIL DIDN'T
TURN OUT TO BE TOO
MASTERFUL.

GHOST GOBLIN
IS DEAD. THE **BLACK
SKULL** WAS STRIPPED OF
HIS SYMBIOTE. **KING
KILLMONGER** HAD HIS
FACE BEATEN IN BY
THE **IRON FIST**.

AND **DARK
PHOENIX** AND **DOOM**
SEEM TO HAVE FLED
THE TIMELINE
COMPLETELY.

YET YOU
REMAIN, **THANOS**?
WHY IS THAT?

SO I CAN
GET WHAT I
WAS AFTER ALL
ALONG.

KNOWLEDGE.

IN THE FORM
OF A FEW FRESH
CORPSES FOR THE
DISSECTION
TABLE.

HMMPH!





LET'S
SEE HOW IT'S
GOING.



THE GOD QUARRY.

MEPHISTO
OF THE 616!

YOU
SORRY
SON OF A HELL-
SPAWNED
SOW!

YOU DARE
SHOW YOUR
WRETCHED FACE
HERE?



THE COUNCIL
OF RED IS MOST
DISPLEASED.

OH, DEAR ME.
WELL, CONSIDER
ME MORTIFIED, MY
BROTHERS.

I MUST
APOLOGIZE AT
ONCE TO THE ENTIRE
COUNCIL FOR WHATEVER
IT IS I'VE DONE TO OFFEND
THEM. WHERE IS THE
REST OF THE
COUNCIL?





KNOW THIS, AND
KNOW THAT IT IS THE
UNEQUIVOCAL,
INDUBITABLE TRUTH.

I TAKE NO PLEASURE
IN THE KILLING OF
MY OTHER SELVES.

OKAY, THAT
IS A LIE.

THERE IS MOST
CERTAINLY SOME
PLEASURE INVOLVED.



BUT EVEN AS THEIR
BODIES PILE UP
AROUND ME AND
THEIR BLOOD BURNS
FRESH AND HOT
UPON MY HANDS...

...I FIND THE
MASSACRE OF
MY OTHER
SELVES...ODDLY
UNSATISFYING.

FOR IN TRUTH,
THEIRS ARE NOT
THE MURDER
MY HEART DOTH
MOST DESIRE.

THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN WEAKENED
BY ITS WAR WITH THE AVENGERS,
WHILE I HAVE ONLY GROWN STRONGER.

EMPOWERED BY THE
RAYAGING OF
EARTHS, SIPHONING
THE ESSENCE
FROM EACH OF THOSE
RUINED UNIVERSES.

ALL FOR THIS
MOMENT.

BUT LISTEN TO ME, PRATTLING
ON ABOUT MY GRANDIOSE
PLANS FOR DESTRUCTION.
HOW VERY RUDE. TELL ME...

...HOW
ARE YOU?

YES,
YOU.

HEARING ME WHILE TRAPPED
IN YOUR NIGHTMARE OR
FIDDLING WITH YOUR OUIJA
BOARD OR PLAYING SOME
RIDICULOUS HEAVY-METAL
RECORD BACKWARD.

HOWEVER MY VOICE IS COMING
TO YOU NOW, IN WHATEVER CORNER
OF EXISTENCE YOU RESIDE...

AAARGGH!!!

...THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WOULD LIKE
YOU TO KNOW.

YOU'RE
ALL ABOUT
TO DIE.

HHRRGGH!!!

LOVE,
MEPHISTO.

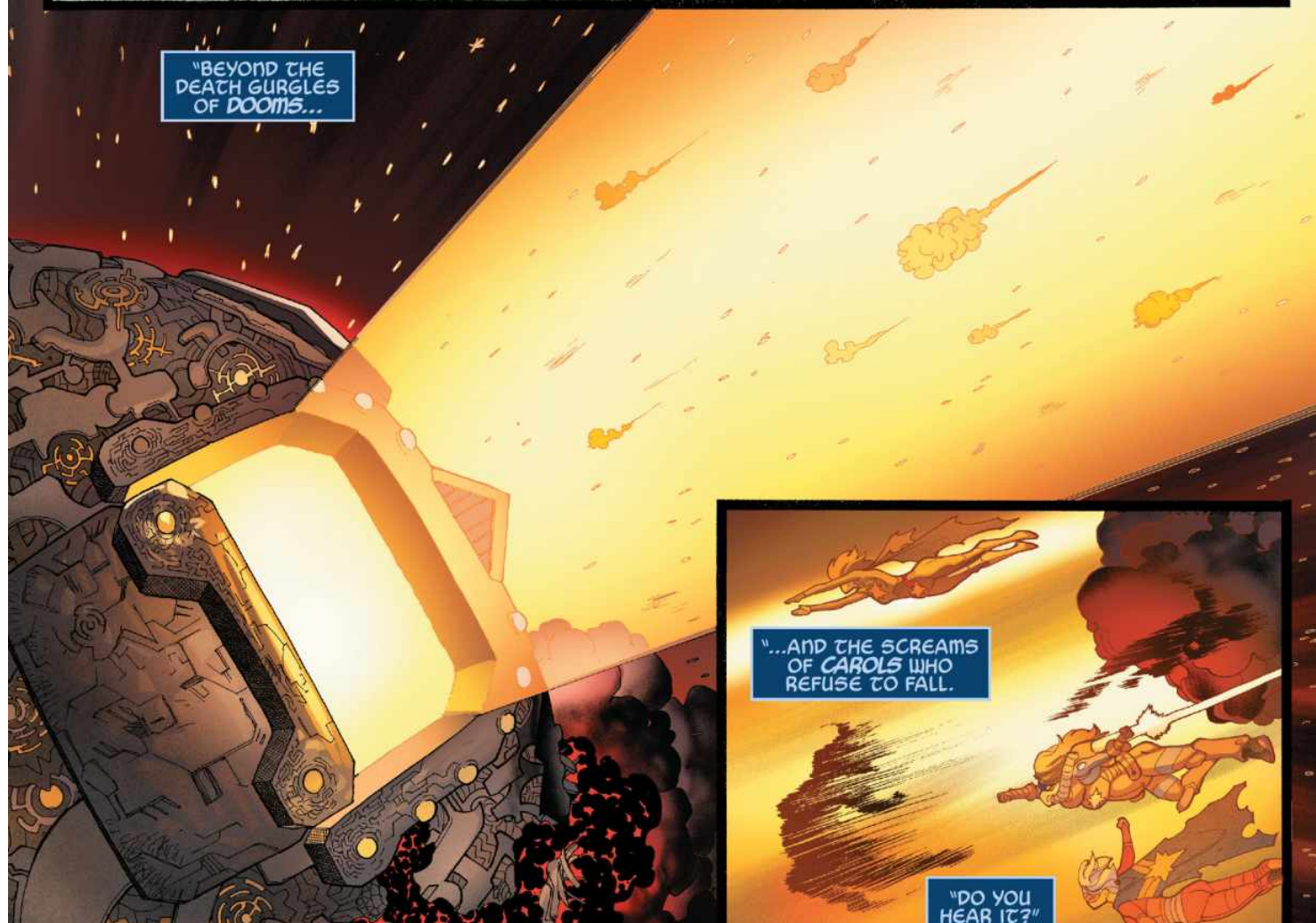
P.S. HAAAAA
HA HA HA HAAA!!!



"DO YOU
HEAR THAT, MY
SISTERS?"



"BEYOND THE CRIES
OF WAR. AND THE FALL
OF BLOODY SHIELDS.



"BEYOND THE
DEATH GURGLES
OF DOOMS..."



"...AND THE SCREAMS
OF CAROLS WHO
REFUSE TO FALL.

"DO YOU
HEAR IT?"



ALL I HEAR
IS YOU PRATTling
ON, SISTER.

GLUGH!



WHEN THERE
REMAINS A LEGION
OF DOOMS IN NEED
OF A GOOD
BLEEDING.

AND
JARNBJORN
IS HAPPY TO
OBLIGE.

I HEAR
NOTHING...BEYOND
THE CACOPHONY OF
THE WAR TO END
ALL WARS.

THERE IS
SOMETHING
ELSE.

THE
GROUND
RUMBLES
BENEATH US.
THE SKIES
SCREAM.

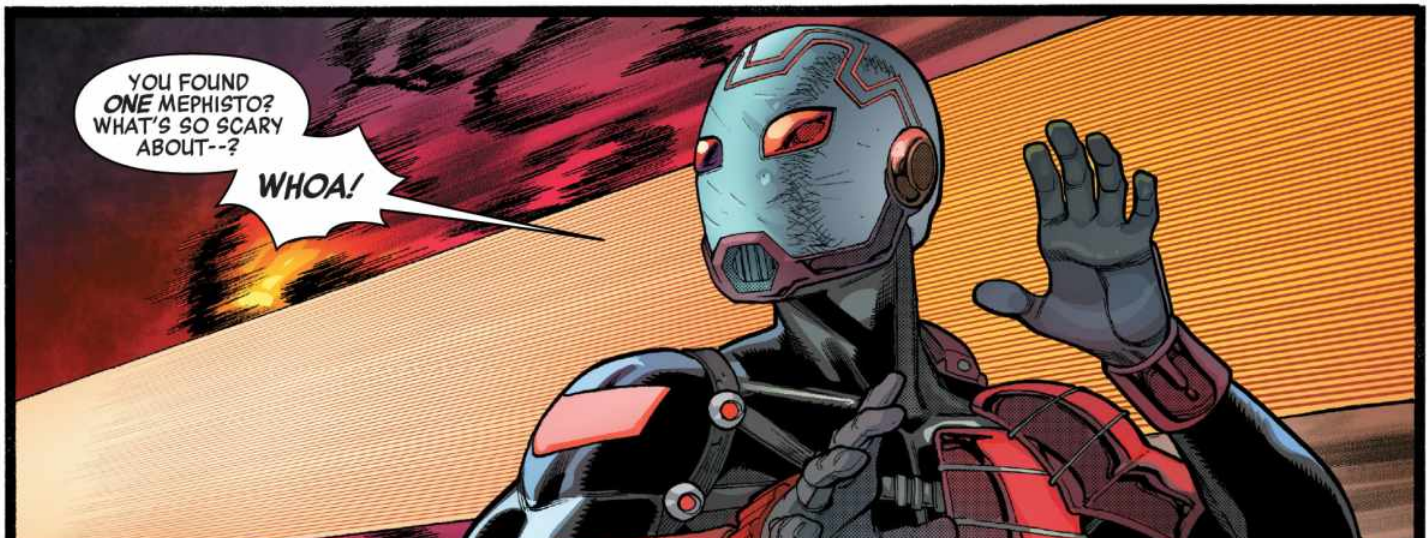
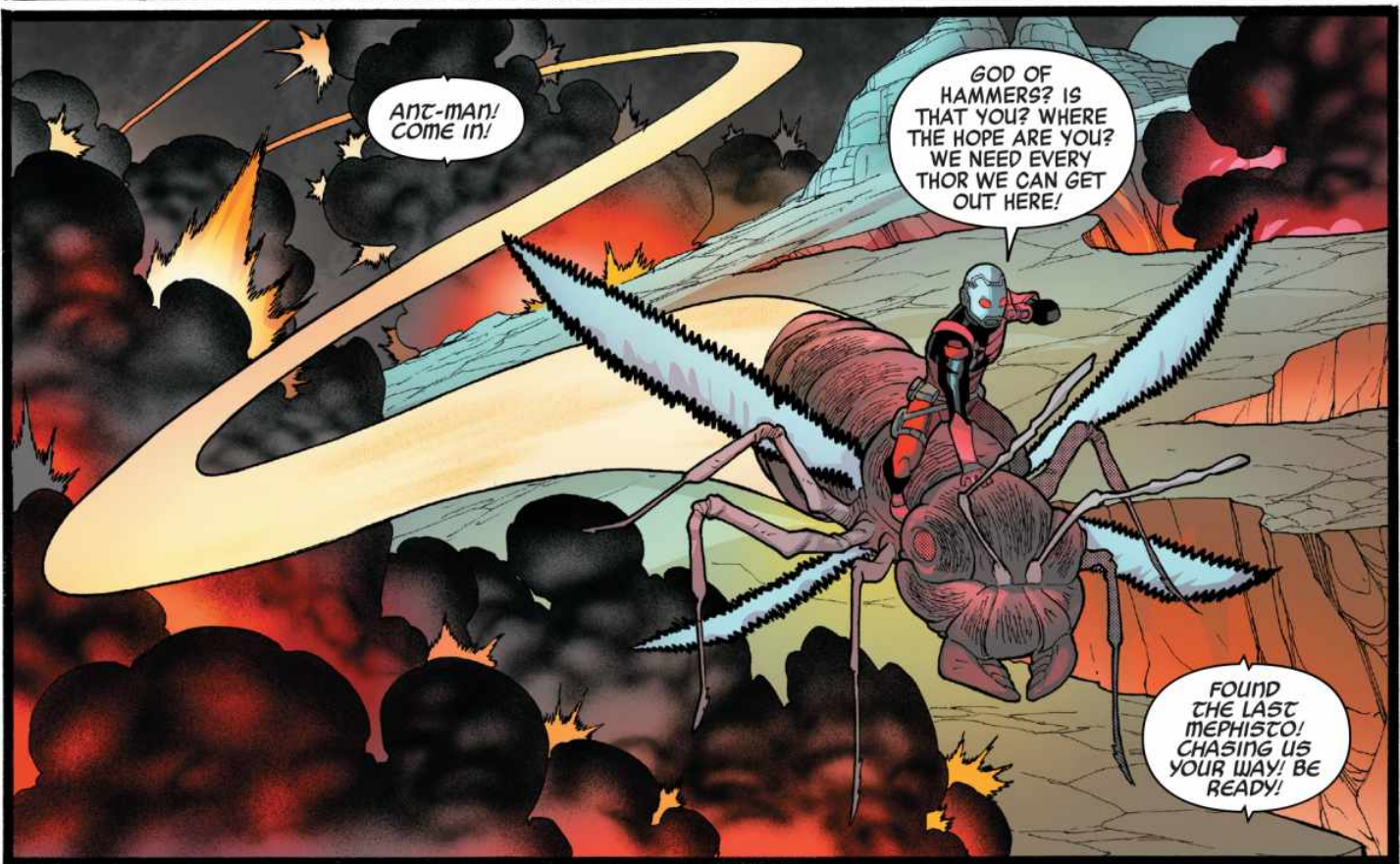
A NEW
STORM IS
BREWING.

WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
RIDDLES, ELLISIV.
AS ATLI SAID, THERE
IS STILL AN ARMY OF
MURDEROUS DOOMS
BEFORE US, AND ONE
THE SIZE OF A PLANET
WHO REFUSES
TO FALL.



VERILY, FRIGG.
WHICH IS WHY
I BELIEVE
IT'S TIME.

TIME?
TIME FOR
WHAT?







ANT-MAN TO
AVENGER PRIME!
WE JUST LOST THE
CAROL CARRIER! WE
HAVE A CELESTIAL-
SIZED MEPHISTO AND
A DOOM THE LIVING
PLANET THAT ARE
KILLING US DOWN
HERE!

PLEASE TELL
ME YOU HAVE
SOMETHING ELSE
UP YOUR
SLEEVE!

A BIT...
BUSY RIGHT
NOW!



I HEAR
THE SWEET,
DYING SCREAMS
OF AVENGERS!

THEY
SCREAM FOR
THEE, AVENGER
PRIME!

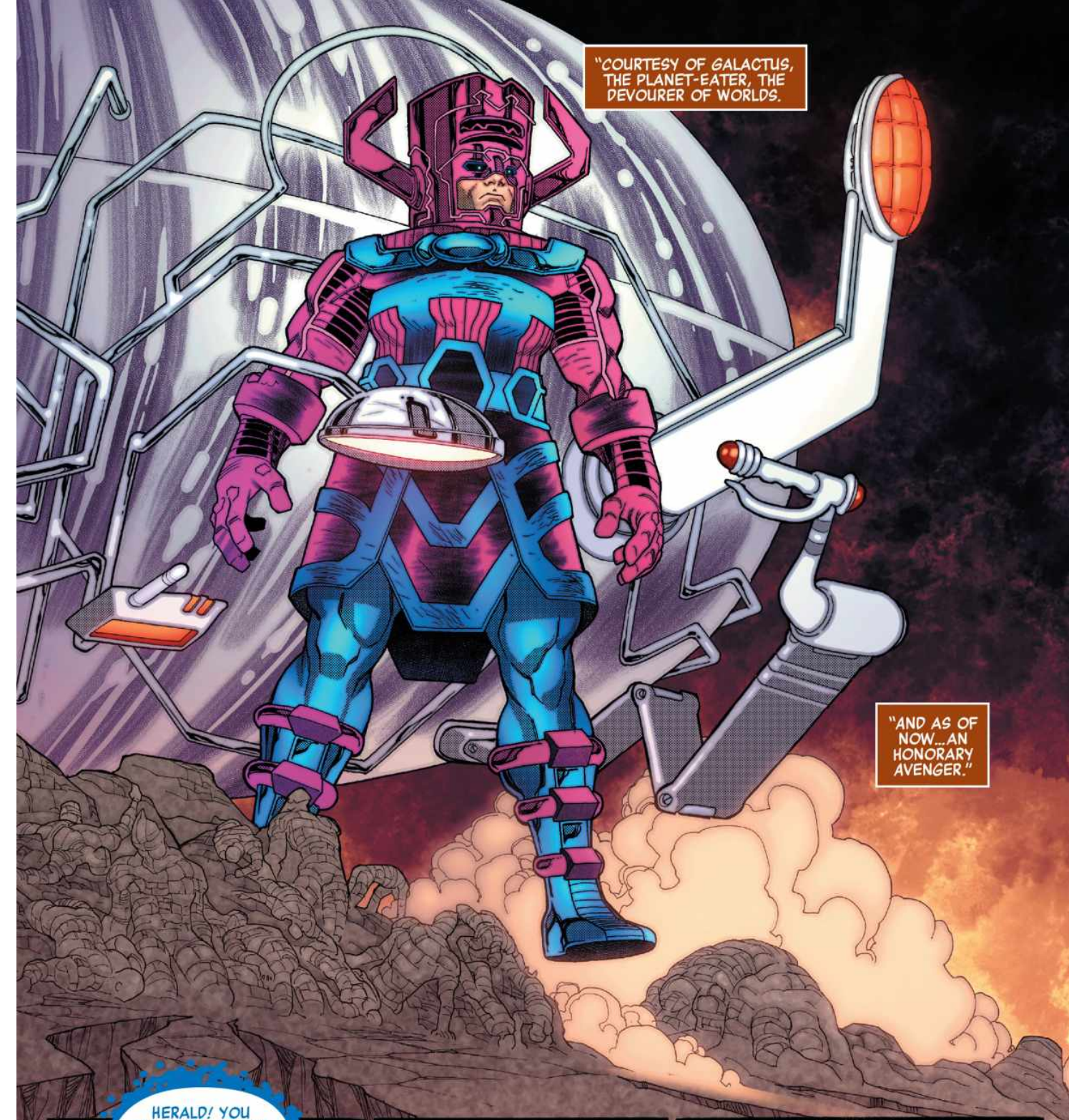
AND YOU
WILL SCREAM
FOR **DOOM**
SUPREME!



GOTTA GO,
SOUNDS LIKE
I'M ABOUT TO
START SCREAMING.
BUT BEFORE I
DO, KNOW THIS,
ANT-MAN...

...MORE
AVENGERS
HAVE ALREADY
BEEN CALLED.





"COURTESY OF GALACTUS,
THE PLANET-EATER, THE
DEVOURER OF WORLDS."

"AND AS OF
NOW...AN
HONORARY
AVENGER."

HERALD! YOU
PROMISED ME THE
MEAL OF A LIFETIME
IF WE TRAVELED
THROUGH TIME TO
THIS STRANGE
LAND.

SURE DID,
BOSS.

HOPE
YOU'RE
HUNGRY.



GALACTUS AND COSMIC KA-ZAR. PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. BUT I GOT THAT BEAT.

WHO IS THIS? WHO'S ON THIS CHANNEL?



JUST YOUR FORMER AVENGERS MOUNTAIN HEAD OF SECURITY LOOKING TO REAPPLY FOR THE JOB.

I KNOW THINGS DIDN'T END SO WELL BEFORE. BUT I'M A NEW MAN THESE DAYS.

OR A NEW **GORILLA-MAN**, AT LEAST. I BROUGHT MY REFERENCES WITH ME.



I WAS BETTER OFF IN A COMA.

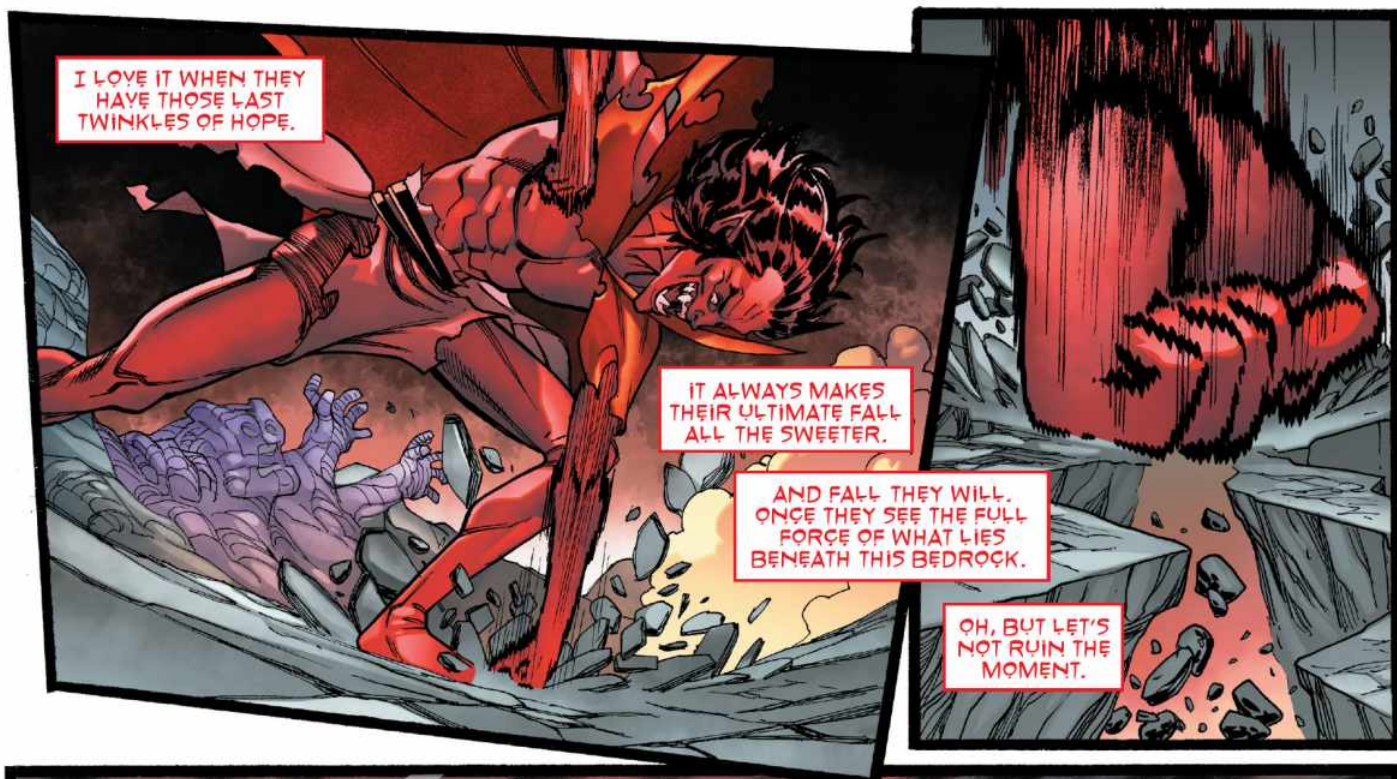
AND **URSA MAJOR** THE RUSSIAN SUPER-BEAR AIN'T ALL I BRUNG.



I BROUGHT THE WHOLE **BLAMED MOUNTAIN** WITH ME.

ONLY IT'S BEEN THROUGH QUITE A LOT SINCE YOU GUYS LEFT. IT AIN'T JUST YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD DEAD CELESTIAL NO MORE.





I LOVE IT WHEN THEY
HAVE THOSE LAST
TWINKLES OF HOPE.

IT ALWAYS MAKES
THEIR ULTIMATE FALL
ALL THE SWEETER.

AND FALL THEY WILL.
ONCE THEY SEE THE FULL
FORCE OF WHAT LIES
BENEATH THIS BEDROCK.

OH, BUT LET'S
NOT RUIN THE
MOMENT.



HAVE YOUR
FLEETING HOPE,
LITTLE LOST SOULS.

THIS IS IT,
PEOPLE. LET'S ALL
REGROUP FOR THE
FINAL PUSH.

WE
FIGHT AS
ONE.



LEAVE
NO DOOM LEFT
DOOMING.

WE FIGHT
FOR ALL THE
WORLDS.

FOR ALL THOSE
WE'VE LOVED AND
LOST FROM ACROSS
THE STARS.



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!



Welcome, gentle readers! Let's take a look at your thoughts on the "Avengers Assemble" story arc!

Spectacular hero-on-hero misunderstandings, battles and coming together to fight tremendous evil villains. A classic trope done a million times, but the creators do it so well here. Great character dialogue and scenes with impressive angles--so dynamic. However, there was a moment missed--any recognition of Odin sensing himself inside Thor's Mjolnir. I can only imagine Odin's curiosity at that moment, sensing himself in the hammer or having to wield it in battle.

Thanks. Keep up the good work.

Scott F.

Odin has been pretty distracted in our last few issues, given all of the Mephistos and Dooms on the attack. But the story's not over yet, so we'll have to wait and see if he does clue in eventually...

Dear Assemblers,

Wow, I hate to admit it, but so far, the story depicted in issues #61-63 plus the AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: ALPHA comic has grabbed me like Stan grabbing a True Believer. Maybe it was just the fact that I received them all at the same time and read them in order? But now I have to go out and search for AVENGERS FOREVER #11 and #12! Okay, I'll do my best. What grabbed me, you might ask? Well, the Brandy/Starbrand predicament was quite interesting, and the prehistoric team versus the current team's fight was almost nostalgic. I kind of expected them to make peace, but the two hammers certainly settled things. And now we get the other Phoenix headed for Earth? Okay, still a little confusing with all the time-travel and multiversal shenanigans, but I'm rather enjoying it now. Absolutely loved the Bryan Hitch artwork on ALPHA, and the Fiorelli and the Garrón artwork on the regular issues wasn't bad either! Keep it up!

Alan Bowman
Sagamihara City, Japan

Jason has been building this epic story for a long time, Alan, and every issue of AVENGERS

FOREVER is definitely an important piece of the puzzle. So we hope you can track down those back issues as planned and that they further enrich the story.

Dear Marvel Editors,

I would dearly love you to make an omnibus of everything concerning Avengers from AVENGERS #50 through to AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: OMEGA, interspersed with AVENGERS FOREVER #1-15, because it is a whole single story dealing with the distraction of the Avengers by Mephisto from the Genesis Point and the final War for the All and Always as described in AVENGERS #58.

Regards,
John

I love omnibus collections myself, so thanks for the suggestion, John! We can't make any promises quite yet, but we'll see what the Omnibus Powers That Be have in store for us.

The "Avengers Assemble" story arc isn't over yet (turn to the next page to read about what's coming, including our mega-finale). But this is the final issue of this volume of Jason Aaron's AVENGERS run, so we wanted to take a moment to mark the occasion. I came aboard with issue #32, and here we are, 34 issues, a few annuals and a companion series later! It's been a wild ride and an honor to serve in the Avengers army alongside Jason, Javier, David, Cory, Tom, Alanna, Annalise and many, many other talented and caring cadets.

Sincere thanks to all of you who also wrote in to express your thoughts, share criticisms and cheer us on. While we don't always have time or space to reply, I promise you that your voices are heard. And while this may be the last issue of this particular volume, keep writing in as we'll have new opportunities to print and reply to your letters in the very near future.

I'll see you around the Multiverse!

--Martin

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE! Email us at MHEROES@MARVEL.COM and mark your messages "Okay to Print" for a chance to see them answered in future issues!

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES **THE AVENGERS**



AVENGERS FOREVER #15 **AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: PART NINE**

The greatest battle in the history of the Multiverse is raging, featuring Avengers from throughout time and space. Yet somehow, it all comes down to one Starbrand and one Ghost Rider, who unfortunately are the only Avengers whose powers don't seem to be working.



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: OMEGA #1 AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: FINALE

The grand, oversized finale of the most epic battle in the history of Earth's Mightiest Heroes. The final issue of Jason Aaron's five-year AVENGERS run. Featuring an all-star cavalcade of artists, a veritable smorgasbord of Avengers and a few last emotional gut punches in the Mighty Marvel Manner.

